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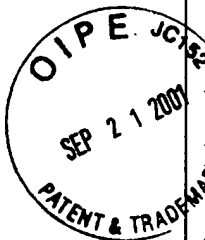
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On page 5, please **delete** the paragraph spanning lines 16 to 25, and **replace** it with the following:

Similarity analysis includes database search and alignment. Examples of public databases include the DNA Database of Japan (DDBJ) (www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/); GenBank (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/web/GenBank/Index.html); and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory Nucleic Acid Sequence Database (EMBL) (www.ebi.ac.uk/ebi_docs/embl_db.html). A number of different search algorithms have

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